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Opening of the Hi-Grouse Firewood Cutting Area and Firewood Strategy Public Meeting

(Yreka, CA.) –The Goosenest Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest is conducting a series of firewood cutting strategy meetings that are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 5:00 P.M. on Friday November 1, 2013. The meeting will be at the Goosenest Ranger Station, 37805 HWY 97, Macdoel, California. Interested members of the public are invited to attend and make comment on improving firewood cutting access and strategy on the National Forest.

One of the positive outcomes of past firewood strategy meetings was to re-examine the lodgepole pine portion of the Hi-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement. As a result, the Goosenest Ranger District has opened a new lodgepole firewood cutting area located on the eastern portion of the district near Tamarack Flat. The Hi-Grouse area has both a personal firewood cutting area, totaling 711 acres, and a commercial firewood cutting area, totaling 165 acres.

Personal permits and maps for the Hi-Grouse firewood area are available at the Klamath National Forest Supervisor's office in Yreka, or at any Ranger District Office on the Klamath National Forest. Woodcutters holding existing personal permits who plan to cut at Hi-Grouse firewood area, can do so until December 31, 2013 and should pick up a copy of the Hi-Grouse map before cutting.

Commercial permits and maps for the Hi-Grouse firewood area are issued only at the Goosenest Ranger District office in Macdoel.